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1. FRG EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR RUYTER AT HIS REQUEST CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER (IO) TO REVIEW FRG PROPOSALS FOR PROTECTION OF HOSTAGES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COURT, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S UNGA SPEECH SEPTEMBER 28.

2. RUYTER SUMMARIZED RATIONALE FOR FRG HOSTAGE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ALREADY GIVEN TO USUN (REF. A) AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. SUPPORT (REF. B). HE NOTED ESPECIALLY GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S PRESS STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 23. BAKER SAID WE BELIEVED THIS INITIATIVE TO BE A SOUND APPROACH AND
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WE WERE HAPPY TO SUPPORT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ABOUT EC-9 REACTION TO HOSTAGE PROPOSAL, RUYTER SAID ALL EC-9 GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE, THOUGH WITH SOME DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM BECAUSE THEY (1) FORESEE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING UNGA TO ACT ON IT AND (2) ALSO TEND TO THINK OF THE INITIATIVE AS

PROMPTED BY GERMAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. FOR THESE REASONS, HE SAID, THEY WANT IT MADE CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT AN EC-9 INITIATIVE, BUT AN FRG ONE. RUYTER SAID THEIR PRELIMINARY CANVASS ALSO REVEALED SOME LA AND AF SUPPORT.

4. BAKER SAID THAT OUR PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES ON IMPORTANT UNGA ISSUES INCLUDED THE FRG PROPOSAL. WE HAD RECEIVED NO NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO IT.

5. ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COURT PROPOSAL, RUYTER SAID GENSCHER WOULD INTRODUCE THE IDEA IN HIS SPEECH AND WOULD PERHAPS SUGGEST THAT THE NEXT UNGA COULD TAKE UP THE SUBJECT. HE ADDED THAT THEY RECOGNIZED IT WAS A LONG AND DIFFICULT PROCESS. IN RESPONSE TO RUYTER'S QUESTION, BAKER SAID WE THOUGHT THE IDEA AN INTERESTING AND CONSTRUCTIVE ONE IN PRINCIPLE BUT WONDERED WHETHER, PRACTICALLY, THE UN WOULD BE WILLING TO ADOPT IT, NOTING THAT MUCH MORE LIMITED ATTEMPTS TO STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY SUCH AS THE CREATION OF THE POST OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAD MET STRONG RESISTANCE. KISSINGER

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